

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, January 30, 2014.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of
allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

American Heart
Association.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Balser of Newton) commending the American Heart Association on the Go Red for Women campaign;

Ian Patrick
Michelson.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Fernandes of Milford) congratulating Ian Patrick Michelson on earning the Eagle Scout Award;

Marguerite
McCourt.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Peisch of Wellesley) honoring Marguerite McCourt on her one hundredth birthday; and

Scott E.
Haley.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Smola of Palmer) congratulating Sergeant Scott E. Haley on his retirement from the Palmer Police Department;

Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Ms. Khan of Newton, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Papers from the Senate.

Petitions severally were referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, as follows:

Angela
Furey,—
sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1998) of Thomas M. McGee, Robert F. Fennell, Steven M. Walsh, Lori A. Ehrlich and others for legislation to establish sick leave bank for Angela Furey, an employee of the Trial Court. To the committee on the Judiciary.

John
Gallagher,—
sick leave.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1997) of Marc R. Pacheco, Patricia A. Haddad and Keiko M. Orrall for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for John Gallagher, an employee of the Department of Youth Services. To the committee on Public Service.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, for the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Lottery funds,—
infrastructure.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 214) of Sean Garballey and others for legislation to provide for the distribution of lottery funds to invest in water and sewer infrastructure; and

Consumer
products,—
toxic
chemicals.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 235) of Jay R. Kaufman and others for legislation to establish a process to identify toxic chemical substances used in consumer products;

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

By Mr. Costello of Newburyport, for the committee on Financial Services, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 485) of Michael J. Rodrigues, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., Michael O. Moore, Christine E. Canavan and other members of the General Court for legislation to provide volunteer firefighters with a local option real estate tax exemption,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Revenue.

Volunteer
firefighters,—
local tax
exemption.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Conroy of Wayland, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on House, Nos. 1702 and 1767, a Bill relative to comparable work (House, No. 3883). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Comparable
work,—
pay.

By Mr. Conroy of Wayland, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on Senate, No. 882 and House, No. 1750, a Bill establishing the domestic workers' bill of rights (House, No. 3884). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Domestic
workers,—
rights.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Joseph W. Teta, an employee of the Trial Court (see House, No. 3781), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

Joseph W.
Teta,—
sick leave.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 4 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill authorizing the West Barnstable Fire District to fund library services for the Whelden Memorial Library (House, No. 3648), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third
reading
bill.

The Senate Bill establishing the childhood vaccine program (Senate, No. 1971), was read a second time; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Subsequently under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. deMacedo of Plymouth, the bill (having been reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Second reading
bill engrossed.

Second
reading
bills.

The Senate Bill authorizing the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to grant easements over certain parcels of land to the town of Amherst (Senate, No. 1531, amended); and

House bills

To encourage the study of meteorology [sic] in elementary schools (House, No. 2864);

Relative to the issuance of temporary notes by cities and towns (House, No. 3773);

Relative to Quincy College (House, No. 3814);

Creating a board of water and sewer commissioners in the city of Newburyport (House, No. 3823);

Authorizing the town of Needham to grant certain establishments licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premise (House, No. 3829); and

Authorizing the city of Salem to convert 1 seasonal license to an annual license for the sale of wines and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 3831, changed);

Severally were read a second time; and they were ordered to a third reading.

Second reading
bill amended.

The House Bill relative to transfer [sic] the employees of the Franklin Regional Council of Governments to the state employee's [sic] retirement system (House, No. 2374), was read a second time.

The amendment previously recommended by the committee on Ways and Means,— that the bill be amended by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 3872),— was adopted.

The substituted bill then was ordered to a third reading.

Id.

The House Bill relative to natural gas leaks (House, No. 3765), was read a second time.

The amendment previously recommended by the committee on Ways and Means,— that the bill be amended by substitution of a bill with the same title (House, No. 3873),— was adopted.

The substituted bill then was ordered to a third reading.

Recess.

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At thirteen minutes before twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. deMacedo of Plymouth (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House recessed subject to the call of the Chair; and at eleven minutes after one o'clock P.M. the House was called to order with Mr. Donato in the Chair.

Engrossed Bill.

Maria A.
DeCosta,—
sick leave.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Maria A. DeCosta, an employee of the Office of Medicaid (see Senate, No. 1983) (which originated in the Senate), in respect to which the Senate had concurred in the adoption of the emergency preamble, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders.

An Order (filed by Mr. Nangle of Lowell) relative to the investigation and evaluation of a complaint received by the House committee on Ethics on January 15, 2014 (House, No. 3885), was referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules. Ethics committee,—
powers,
etc.

Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for said committee, then reported recommending that the order ought to be adopted.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Binienda, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next
sitting.

At fourteen minutes before two o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. deMacedo of Plymouth (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M, in an Informal Session.